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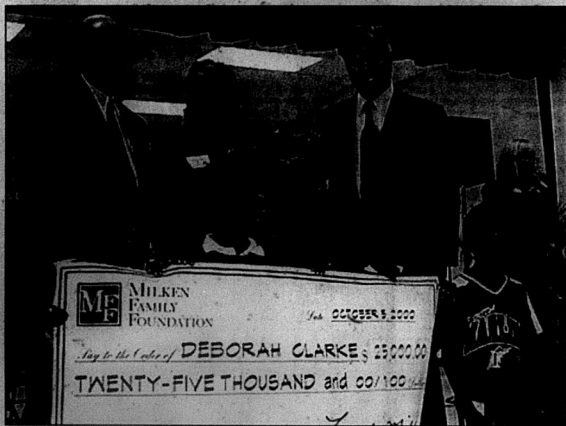
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(Photo by Tracy Whirls)

Florida Commissioner of Education Tom Gallagher, right, second row, visited Rosenwald Elementary School in South Bay last Thursday and presented Literacy Specialist Deborah Clark, back row, center, with a \$25,000 check, to use as she pleases, from the Milken Family Foundation, which recognizes 1600 teachers across the country each year for outstanding contributions to education. Mrs. Clarke, who was the recipient of Palm Beach County's Teacher of the Year award, and a Dwyer finalist, was joined by her husband, Joseph, left, a teacher at the Sago Palm Academy in Pahokee, for the occasion.

Public outcry over FDOT project in Pahokee prompts revision in design

By Tracy Whirls

Following protests by a number of Pahokee residents concerning the Florida Department of Transportation's plan to convert Bacom Point Road in Pahokee from four lanes to three, with 12 medians interspersed at different intersections, the plan has been revised. Seven of the 12 proposed medians will be eliminated, according to FDOT project manager Ken Schenck.

A number of Pahokee residents questioned the wisdom of the Bacom Point Road project during the Sept. 26 city commis-

sion meeting. According to Mr. Schenck, when FDOT repaves the road, they have to have space to create a bicycle lane and give the city the option of going to three lanes or eliminating all the parking. It was decided to go to three lanes, with the center lane acting as a turn lane to preserve parking in the downtown area.

Pahokee resident Bob Miller objected saying that reducing the lanes from four to three will impede tourist traffic and obstruct traffic, particularly during the farming season. He also said Pahokee residents should

have been better informed about the plans before the work began.

Mr. Schenck noted that the project was advertised and FDOT held public hearings to inform residents of the project before construction began, but those meetings were poorly attended.

Pahokee resident Larry Wright agreed, suggesting that the city should have notified Bacom Point residents of the plan by mail, rather than relying on advertising in The Sun, which is not read by everyone, he said.

Resident Kevin Wood, representing his grandmother, said

CHECK PRESENTED



State Representative Addie L. Greene presented a check for \$100,000 to the City of Belle Glade at the Oct. 2 city commission meeting. The money is from the Florida Department of State, and will be used for Torry Island Campground Improvements. Shown, from left are Erin Redmon, legislative secretary, James Harper Jr., candidate for District 84, Rep. Greene, Mayor D. Bill Mathis, and Juanita Crumley, legislative assistant.

Sun Spots

Bayfest 2000

Bayfest 2000, the Fifth Annual Crossroads Cultural Festival in South Bay will be held Saturday, Oct. 21 at Tanner park.

Created and designed to profile the cultural diversity of the community, the festival will feature live entertainment, arts and crafts, a carnival and an assortment of cultural foods.

Bayfest 2000 will begin at 10 a.m. and continue until 7 p.m. at the park.

Booth spaces are still available. Informational booths are free and those with sale items will pay \$75. The application deadline is Wednesday Oct. 19. For more information, contact Lt. Robert Grande at 996-8511 or Pancho Garcia at 996-7818.

Sunset Watch

It's time again for Pahokee Main Street's Sunset Watch. Join us on Oct. 28 at 6 p.m. for a wonderful time of celebration and renewing old acquaintances as we watch one of the most beautiful sunsets anywhere. The purpose of the Sunset Watch is to entertain the campers and attract more visitors to Pahokee's beautiful Harbor and Marina. "Last year's events attracted visitors from a number of states and countries. We look forward to an even greater season this year," commented Barbara Branch, Event Chair.

The Sunset Watch is a Pahokee Main Street project in cooperation with the City of Pahokee and the Pahokee Chamber of Commerce. For more information, contact Barbara Branch, 924-5633, Shirley Jarrell, 924-7771, or the Chamber of Commerce, 924-5579.

Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet

It's time to start planning for the annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet! This year's Banquet will be held at the Belle Glade Elks Lodge. Mark your calendar for Monday, Oct. 23, Mingle and Dinner from 6:30 to 7 p.m. The Banquet will begin at 7 p.m. Make up a table from your business and reserve now. Small businesses may elect to go share a table with another group. Tickets are \$25.00, and can be purchased from board members or from Janice at the Chamber of Commerce.

Grassy Waters Festival

The 12th Annual Grassy Waters Festival Nov. 11 is hosting a Chili Challenge! Please bring your best chili recipe for a chance to win bragging rights for having the

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Chosen Bridge on SR 715 to be completed in December

By Tracy Whirls

The extensive resurfacing, widening and bridge replacement project on SR 715 from Pahokee to SR 80 in Belle Glade, which began in March, will be completed on schedule by June. Certain portions of the project, most notably the construction of the new bridge on the Hillsborough Canal at Chosen, has been pushed back from October to mid-December.

According to Frederick R. Harris project engineer Wayne Fuller, the bridge, which was closed March 8 and scheduled to be reopened in October, has been delayed by several unfortunate occurrences, but is expected to be finished in mid-December.

"On a project of this kind there are certain stages of construction," Mr. Fuller said, noting that the Chosen bridge project is only a small part of the larger FDOT resurfacing project.

"Completion of the bridge has been delayed by several unforeseen occurrences," Mr. Fuller said. The company unexpectedly encountered a sanitary sewer force main, which was diverted down the canal slope on the canal bank, rather than trenching the road when it was installed in 1986. Neither the City of Belle Glade, or Ranger Construction, which is the contractor for the entire project, were aware that the line had been installed at the wrong location. Mr. Fuller said the subcontractor, Freedom Pipeline Co. of Ft. Lauderdale, moved to complete work at the bridge at Rardin Park outside Pahokee while the city arranged for the sewer main to be relocated. The

Rardin Park bridge will be removed and replaced by a culvert, and a temporary detour must be constructed around the bridge to allow traffic to use the road while the bridge is being removed, Mr. Fuller said.

The Chosen bridge project was further delayed while muck was removed from the north side of the bridge and hard rock was punched to allow pilings to be driven. Further complicating matters, the contractor erred in placing a couple of the pilings and the company is waiting for the bridge to be redesigned before completing the pile driving, Mr. Fuller said.

"Fortunately, it doesn't look like they'll have to pull any pilings," Mr. Fuller said. The subcontractor building the bridge has one more row of pilings to drive and must install several concrete caps. After the concrete is poured, a certain amount of time is required to allow the concrete to cure before equipment or heavy weight can be placed on it, Mr. Fuller said.

"When you add all the time elements together, there has been a delay. I know a lot of people are upset about the delays. The contractor expects the Chosen Bridge to be finished by the end of November, but I estimate it may be mid-December." The improvements on SR 715 actually comprise four different FDOT projects, Mr. Fuller said. The Chosen bridge replacement project, and the resurfacing of the roadway in Belle Glade is estimated to cost \$5,048,000, while the resurfacing, widening and other work on SR 715 within Pahokee city limits is projected

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US Sugar Corporation offers \$20,000 reward for information regarding train derailment

By Tracy Whirls

South Central Florida Express, an independent short line railroad owned by United States Sugar Corporation, announced last Thursday the posting of a \$20,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the

recent train derailment in Belle Glade.

The Sept. 25 incident that derailed three locomotives and six railcars

caused damages estimated at nearly one million dollars.

The City of Pahokee played host to its first daylong Public Safety Fair, sponsored by the Pahokee Police and Fire Departments, Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 7 and 8, along with food, children's games and a dunking booth manned by city officials, gave residents an opportunity to tour the newly renovated police station.

By doing much of the remodeling work on their own time, the police department and other volunteers were able to complete the remodeling and painting of the police station, worth an estimated \$65,000, for under \$10,000. Pictures and chairs were donated by Holiday Inn, while the county donated new office furniture. The city purchased recycled paint from the county Solid Waste Department, and officers and other city employees scrambled to finish the new paint job in time for the fair.

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"More than the physical damages, which were extensive, we are concerned that these actions put two of our railroad personnel in a very dangerous situation. We were very lucky they sustained only minor injuries. They could easily have been killed in a wreck of this

nature," said Larry Sugar, President, South Central Florida Express, Inc.

"This reward is an incentive for someone to do the right thing and insure that whoever is responsible for causing this accident is brought to justice," Mr. Sugar added.

The crash occurred two-tenths of a mile north of the track's intersection with Northwest Avenue. L. In the crash, three northbound locomotives hauling 15 cars of sugar and potash were derailed.

According to Lt. T. J. Kenney, the remodeling of the police station is part of an overall change in the department, from repainted cars modeled after the traditional black and whites, to redesigned patches and uniforms, all with the goal of making a positive impact on the community. Improving citizens' relationships with police officers and building department morale.

Along with the cosmetic changes, the department is upgrading its technology and other equipment and shifting toward a community policing format. Corporal Kim Cesar, a police teamed with the department's

the department tried to avoid blocking driveways. In a phone interview Thursday, Mr. Schenck said FDOT has revised their plans to reduce the number of traffic islands from 12 to 5, eliminating seven of the planned islands, including those which were blocking driveways.

Mr. Schenck said reducing the driving surface from four lanes to three, with the center lane acting as a turn lane, allows FDOT to add sidewalks where there are none now, and the bicycle lane, and preserve parking down-

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Pahokee cuts ribbon on remodeled police station during open house

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"We requested three lanes downtown, to allow parking and the medians will slow things down. Our concern was that the center lane not become a passing lane. That's why we wanted the islands to break up the center lane, to slow down the traffic," Mr. Schenck said, noting that speeding has been a problem on Baco Point Road for some time.

The resurfacing and other improvements on SR 715 in Pahokee are part of a multimillion dollar project by FDOT that begins at Pioneer Park on SR 715, at the intersection with SR 80 and ends at the intersection of SR 715 with SR 41 at

First Community Bank in Pahokee. Within the Pahokee city limits, the scope of work includes adding sidewalks on the south side of the city from where the sidewalk currently ends (by Dr. Orduna's office) and extending them approximately 1/2 mile, to the city limits at the bridge. The sidewalk will be on the west side of the road until just before 14th Street, then will cross over and be extended behind the royal palms on the east side of the street. The bike lane will be a striped area that extends the length of the roadway in both directions.

According to Mr. Schenck, plans call for the five median cuts to incorporate plantings and brickwork to make them attractive. The Pahokee portion of the project is scheduled to be completed in November.

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new canine in December. The dog, a two-year-old Belgian Malinois, is currently undergoing eight weeks of training in narcotics detection, currency recognition and tracking. Bicycle Officer Shaun Solits has begun patrolling in the high crime area of Rardin and South Lake, where he is assisting the new community policing unit headed by Lt. Etheridge "Crack Shot" Bryant, and plans call for a second officer to attend bicycle training, eventually to be assigned to patrol the downtown and marina/campground areas. The department was also able to hire a top notch crime scene investigator, Tony Mead from the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, Lt. Kenney said.

"At one time, we weren't handling our own homicide investigations," Lt. Kenney noted, although they expect to be able to in the future with the more highly trained staff and new equipment. Using law enforcement budget funding, the department now has an AFS computer data base, allowing fingerprints to be matched with suspects within minutes. The new training room will allow the Pahokee department to host training programs for officers from other departments, putting Pahokee on the map as far as training. Lt. Kenney said, and allowing the department to build valuable contacts with other agencies.

The department is also working with the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Citizens on Patrol (COPs) program and hopes to expand that to include

a Neighborhood Watch program. The department is sponsoring its own football team this year, and hopes to begin an Explorers Program, through the Boy Scouts of America, to provide more activities for local youth. The Lieutenant also hopes to secure \$8,000 in donations to enable the department to purchase two automatic defibrillators, manned by shift supervisors, to assist cardiac patients because officers are often the first to respond to emergency calls.

The lieutenant said the officers are energized by the improvements at the department and praised Chief Frechette for his ability to encourage others to "try out your ideas by visualizing them in action."

As previously reported, the city ultimately hopes to relocate city services, including the police department, to the old Pahokee High School building site, once funding becomes available. The city is currently working with Rural Development to construct a new fire station at the old Farmer's Market, to allow the department to be in a more centralized location to enable firefighters to better serve their coverage area, which extends from the Martin County line to 20 Mile Bend and includes Canal Point and areas outside the Pahokee City limits. According to Pahokee Fire Chief Gary Burroughs, the plans for the new building have been completed and the city hopes to break ground on the new building after the first of the new year.

Reward

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from the company's main track and collided with 15 parked trailers on a side track. Following the accident, the tracks were closed for more than a week as sheriff's officers and railroad officials investigated the incident and repairs were made to the damaged tracks.

Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Detective Thomas LaPaglia confirmed that the crash is being investigated as a deliberate act, because a locking mechanism that switches trains to the sidetrack should have been locked and was not. The mechanism was reportedly locked Sept. 22 when the railroad workers last used the track.

"A train went by on Sept. 22 with no problems and there were no trains Saturday and Sunday," the detective said.

So far, the motive for tampering with the mechanism is unclear. Some theorize that the accident might have been prompted in retaliation for U.S.

Sugar's decision to lay off 327 employees last month. Others suspect it could be an act against the railroad itself or a simple act of vandalism. "There's a lot of speculation. But there's no evidence at this time that it was related to the layoffs at U.S. Sugar," Detective LaPaglia said.

The sheriff's office began posting reward posters throughout the Glades area Friday. Detective LaPaglia is interested in speaking with anyone who might have seen someone in the vicinity of the switch box from Sept. 23 - 25, prior to the 9:36 a.m. crash.

Anyone with information regarding the train wreck should contact Det. LaPaglia at 561-996-1665 or 561-996-1685 or call CRIMESTOPPERS at 1-800-458-8477.

The South Central Florida Express, headquartered in Clewiston, Florida, has 159 miles of owned and leased track that interchange to mainline carriers CSX and Norfolk Southern. The railroad, was named '1999 Short Line Railroad of the Year' by Railway Age magazine.

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ed at \$1,405,000. Once the bridges at Chosen and Rardin Park are completed, the entire length of SR 715 from Belle Glade to Pahokee will be milled and resurfaced, with the roadway widened and paved shoulders created.

For those frustrated by

detrours necessitated by the project, Mr. Fuller noted that resurfacing and installing of guardrails along SR 715 through Canal Point is expected to begin in March, 2001. Work on SR 441, which may involve constructing an entire new road to the east of the existing road is currently in the plan and design stage, Mr. Fuller said.

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Other activities scheduled for the Annual Grassy Waters Festival will include a Natchez Monster Contest, Okeechobee Sailboat Regatta, Essay Contest, Veteran's Celebration and Live Entertainment. Admission is free.

To submit an entry for the "Name the Lake O Monster" contest, please fax the entry to Pahokee Chamber of Commerce, Fax Number (561) 924-8116.

The winner of the Name the Lake O Monster Contest will be awarded a 4 hour cruise on Lake Okeechobee, donated by Mid-Lakes Navigation!

The top 10 essays will be published in the Grassy Waters Festival Program and the overall winner of the essay contest will be invited to read his or her essay during the Veteran's Celebration.

Please contact Alice Thompson, executive director of Pahokee Chamber of Commerce at (561) 924-5579 or Kay Zaccagnino, chairperson (561) 924-7844 for further information.

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Turkey/Ham Shoot

A Turkey/Ham shoot will be held at the Pahokee Elks Lodge #1638 on Friday, Nov. 17 from 5 to 9 p.m., on Saturday, Nov. 18 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., on Sunday, Nov. 19 from 2-6 p.m. and a pistol shooting on Sunday, Nov. 19 from 4 to 6 p.m.

The turkey shoot will be \$2 and the ham shoot \$4.

For more information call 561-924-7727 after 4 p.m.

The Julian Branch Festival of Lights

Planning for Pahokee's annual Christmas light-up celebration has begun. A number of volunteers have been meeting at Hugh & Barbara Branch's home to plan their strategy for the most beautiful festival of lights ever.

A three pole decorations will be purchased this year as well as a 13 foot angel for Pahokee Harbor. Volunteers are still needed and may join the team on October 28 at 8:30 at the old Western Auto building downtown which has been officially designated, "Santa's Workshop".

The JBFL Committee would especially like to thank Lew and Barbara Edwards for allowing us to use their building as JBFL Headquarters for the 2000 Christmas season.

The Julian Branch Festival of Lights is seeking donations again this year," said Shirley Jarriel, Pahokee Main Street Coordinator. "It is important to

ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL



Cary Haughwout, right, Democratic candidate for Palm Beach County Public Defender, was the guest speaker Sept. 12 at the Belle Glade Rotary Club. Mrs. Haughwout is shown with Rotarian Lee Mikell.

keep the light up fund in good financial condition so that new decorations can be added each year and the decorations can be maintained. While we are saving the City of Pahokee money by raising the funds to purchase the decorations, we do not want maintenance of the decorations to become a burden to the City. Donations of any amount are encouraged and appreciated and may be made in memory or in honor of a loved one. Each one will be gratefully acknowledged."

If you would like to be a part of this exciting project, call Barbara Branch, 924-3533, Shirley Jarriel, 924-7771, or the Pahokee Chamber of Commerce, 924-5579.

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School Advisory Council Meeting

The faculty, staff and students of Pahokee Elementary cordially invite parents, community members and leaders to our monthly S.A.C. Meeting. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 18 from 6 to 7 p.m. in the cafeteria.

For more information, please contact Mrs. DeVito at 924-6466.

Free Lunch

The East West Migrant Head Start Project-Florida Branch (131 Third S.W. Winter Haven, FL 33885) announces sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's "Child Care Food Program."

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Election posters

I'm calling to ask about Harma Miller's posters, her advertisements for election. Tomorrow makes the 21st day which is Oct. 3 and I was just wondering, what fines will be assessed due to the fact that these signs are to be removed by 21 days after the election. Could you check into that?

Editor's note: We checked with City Clerk Debra Buff who said the deadline to remove campaign signs is 30 days after the election. She noted there is no fine for not removing the signs, but, the city can remove the signs after the deadline and charge the candidates for the worker's time.

Child support

"I do believe in a man taking care of his children, but if he took care of his children all his life then he got sick and couldn't work, it's not right for the judge to take all of his money as if he doesn't care if the man lives or dies, these kids are getting Social Security. This man only gets \$240 a month for himself. To top it off, he still has to pay child support. I would like to know what is going on."

When will the bridge open?

"Can you find out when the bridge up in 715 is going to be opened? I heard it was probably going to be six months until it was opened. Somebody needs to get them to work on it. How much in late fees will have to be paid off before they finish?"

Editor's note: Contractors are now saying it will be mid-December before the bridge is opened and they have a lot of excuses. See our front page story for more details.

Straighten up the mess

"I'm calling in reference to the 'Enough is enough' story in the Speak Out. I am a black woman and I voted for Jeff Hawkins and Don Garrett. I believe they will straighten up some of the mess in this town. It's not a white or black issue. There were a lot of black, good folks who don't want what's going on in Club Bonaventure entered into our town and our community, with our children. I do not believe it is right or moral. To say that all the black folks are being discriminated against is not right."

I've talked to these men. They are good, up-standing citizens. I'm a black woman in the community and I support them thoroughly. I'm very sick of this racial business that's going on. Harma Miller, she did this to herself and I believe if she would have stood up for what's moral and what's right for this city, she wouldn't have lost the election."

"Enough is enough" is enough

"Yes, I'm calling in reference to the article in the Speak Out called 'Enough is enough.' Well enough is enough about all this racism. And also, if she's saying or he's saying, whoever it is saying that Bonaventure is the best restaurant in this town, then Belle Glade has a serious problem. As far as Wilkerson, the proof is there. He stole it and there's probably more going to come out about it. He probably stole more than that. These people need to open their eyes and see it because this is ridiculous."

Quality of the water

"This is regarding the water. Our water bill is outrageous and we're paying for water that looks like urine. We can't afford to buy bottled water. Anybody that comes in from out of town won't drink any of the ice tea or anything that's made with this water because it's so cloudy and the ice is yellow."

Something needs to be done. They said before that it was the water coloration and now they're claiming it's the lake level. Make up your mind. Do something about it."

The Sun

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Dear Editor:

It has long been my feeling that the people of the Glades are with out equal when it comes to taking care of their own and helping each other. At the same time, the people of the Glades are some of the most modest when it comes to asking for assistance in a time of need.

As an advocate for Glades businesses, I feel that I would be remiss if I did not bring to the attention of the community a situation that has been developing over the last few months, and convey to you the plight of a few of our neighbors.

Every one of us has probably been inconvenienced by the closing of the Chosen bridge on SR 715 in Belle Glade. No one, though, has been more affected by the bridge closing than the businesses that depend on the traffic which has been seriously reduced by that closing. Normally, between 8,000 to 12,000 cars cross the Chosen bridge on a given day. Today, it is estimated that less than 1,500 cars are traveling SR 715 between M.L.K. Blvd. and the Chosen Bridge. That is a reduction in traffic of 85%.

On March 8, the bridge was closed for a replacement project which was slated to be completed within seven (7) months which would have been Oct. 8. Recently, I have learned that the bridge replacement has been seriously delayed and that it probably will not reopen until sometime in January or perhaps even February of 2001. It seems that the contractor building the new bridge has driven several pillings for the new bridge in the wrong location. Because of this error, the contractor had to petition the Department of Transportation (DOT) to allow the pillings to remain in place and they (DOT) agree. However, a redesign of the new bridge had to be completed to make adjustments for the new pillings locations. Also, I have learned

that the contractor had bid on multiple projects at one time (a common occurrence for contractors) and was the successful bidder in several of those projects. This concurrent work load, along with the bridge pilling problem and others, has significantly taxed the contractor's resources and has translated into a critical delay on the replacement of the Chosen bridge.

The purpose of this letter is not to find fault with the contractor or point fingers at those responsible for the delay. Rather, the purpose of this letter is to inform the community of the seriousness of this situation and call the community to action in an attempt to help avert a "crisis" for the businesses being affected by this situation. If at any time, one or more of the below listed businesses has been there for you, it is your turn to be there for them. My fellow citizens, these businesses are hurting. They have done their best to endure this ordeal and have already given up the end of last season. They have maintained through the slower Summer months and off-season, but now they are faced with the need to endure through more than half of the upcoming "season" and through the critical holiday shopping season! These businesses need our help, and they need it today! We have got to go out of our way (literally) to patronize these businesses and help them through these trying times. Please join with me in helping these businesses and help them through these trying times.

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Members, friends and Businessmen of the Belle Glade area; it is a pleasure for us, the Florida Association of Women's and Youth Clubs, to come together in Belle Glade on Oct. 14 to plan our 93rd annual convention. It will be held in Belle Glade June 22-25, 2001.

The Belle Glade Community Club of Belle Glade will host the meeting. Mrs. Mary E. Dunkley and Mrs. Leola Holland are the respective

Presidents. The meeting will be held at: 1201 South West Ave. E., Belle Glade. The time for the meeting will be from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. We are expecting one hundred adults and youths for the planning session to be held Saturday Oct. 14.

Your attendance is welcome. Registration for women is \$20, youth \$10. Breakfast and lunch is included.

Belle Glade hosted the 1988 Convention and the delegates are still saying it was our best Convention.

Please call any of the local numbers listed below if you are able to participate. Thank you, in advance for your cooperation.

Yours very truly,

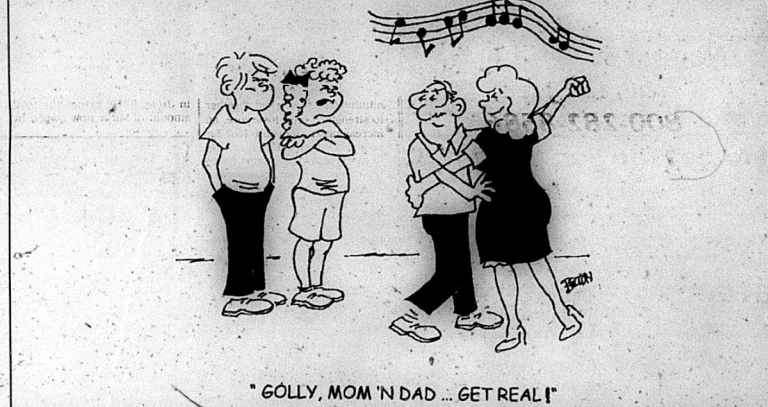
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Dear Editor:

I'd like to address a small problem I'd like to see something done about. We all talk about the water situation in Glades Glen, how much they owe. But out in 28th St. NE 28th, at the end of the street there is a water hydrant. Over a year ago, I called the city commission and they sent somebody out and capped it. Two days later the cap was off and the water was running again. It has continued to run. I called them three times and they haven't done anything about it. The water continues to run and has run for about a year. Who's paying for that water? Why don't they turn it off?

Curtis Lamp



Getting past political chatter to what you need to know.

By Kathie Dickenson

Fall is near, presidential elections are approaching, and words are swirling faster than leaves in November wind. You want to be a responsible citizen, but how can you sort out the hype enough to make an intelligent choice in the voting booth?

Becoming an informed voter takes time and effort, says "Radford University communication professor Gwen Brown, who specializes in political communication." It bothers me when I hear voters chastised for not being well informed on the issues. "Although following every fact of a campaign is her passion as well as her profession," the average voter does not have the time to do what I do," she says.

That being said, she adds that, "No one ever said democracy would be easy," and offers tips to help voters who want to make their own decisions about candidates.

Two essentials

The Political Conventions—"You need to take the time to see the conventions," says Ms. Brown. "Because this is the party's opportunity to say 'this is our star candidate' and these are the promises we make. Voters need to hold them accountable to those promises."

The Presidential Debates—The debates, she says, are among the best resources for voters. They allow you to get a sense of the candidates' ideas and, especially, of the clash between their ideas—how the candidates are different. "For three evenings this fall, you can sit in your living room with the candidate and argue for yourself who these men are."

source options

Candidates' Web Sites—"The best benefit of the Web sites is that you can read the candidates' speeches," says Ms. Brown. "It's important to know what they are saying so that you can hold them accountable to their words." In the news media, a reporter will only present a few lines of speech, then go on to discuss the candidate's motivation for filing. This media focus on political strategy," Ms. Brown adds, is a factor that leads to cynicism among voters.

How do you test the reliability of a candidate's words? For example, if he takes credit for sweeping educational improvements in his state while he was governor or senator, how do you know the credit is due him?

Go to the other candidate's Web site," says Ms. Brown. "If one candidate says anything questionable, you can be sure the other one will call him out."

You must read these sites with a critical eye. They will take every opportunity to make themselves look good," she says.

"Be sure you have the right Web addresses," Ms. Brown warns. "There are a number of parody sites. If you stumble upon certain ones, you may get a very red flag. George W. Bush's Web address is www.georgewbush.com and Al Gore's site is at www.algore.com."

Television Ads—Despite public perception that campaign ads are usually negative, not encouraged by the media. Ms. Brown says they can be an excellent source of information and that most of them are actually positive. If you feel an ad is trying to trick you, as yourself, "Is this an ad that I would want to see on TV from another, or does it unfairly attack the other candidate with unsubstantiated claims?" Even

among ads that are negative, she says, there are fair and unfair ones.

News Media

News media play an important role in keeping the public informed and aware of other perspectives besides the candidates' Ms. Brown emphasizes getting a balanced picture. "If you read The New Republic, a middle-of-the-road to liberal magazine, also read the more conservative Weekly Standard or The National Review. Balance the more conservative Washington Times with the more liberal Washington Post."

Ms. Brown offers a quick evaluation of the media available to most people.

Nightly Network Television News—Traditionally, many people rely on the nightly news. However, the hard news legacy of reporters like Walter Cronkite has changed as a result of competition and so-

news has taken the spotlight. For example, campaign financing is a major issue in this campaign, yet recently, when attorney general Janet Reno appeared before a Congressional committee to discuss her decision whether or not to investigate Al Gore's 1996 campaign fund raising, not one of the network news shows even mentioned it. "MS's lead story was about distracted drivers," Ms. Brown says.

The Local or Regional Newspapers—A standard source for many citizens, local papers offer more information than nightly news, but coverage of national issues is still limited. The morning paper fund raising, not one of the network news shows even mentioned it. "MS's lead story was about distracted drivers," Ms. Brown says.

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not made a decision to investigate. "I wanted to know more about what questions the senators had asked, for example," says Ms. Brown.

"Elite" National Newspapers—Publications like The New York Times, The Washington Post and The Chicago Tribune consider themselves as having an obligation to offer readers premium coverage. Long, detailed articles include an abundance of background and quotes from a variety of sources. Moreover, says Ms. Brown, the editorials bring you the thoughts of a wide variety of people. If subscription costs are a problem and you have access to the Internet at home or at a library, you can read current articles in some cases articles up to two weeks old-for free on most papers' Web sites. Web searches on these sites can help you research specific issues in which you're interested.

Weekly News Magazines—Magazines like Time and Newsweek do some of the work for you by choosing and reporting in depth on the most important stories of the week. Of course, says Ms. Brown, you should ask yourself, "Are these the stories I would have chosen, the questions I would have asked?" News magazines, or at least their lead stories, are also available on the Web.

Radio Talk Shows—Radio talk shows usually feature hosts with a well known political bent. Hosts often see part of their show's purpose as entertainment and feel free to make outlandish statements. An important thing to look for, Ms. Brown says, is whether the show's host cites sources of his or her information that you could follow up on if you wanted to.

Other straight-from-the-

CrimeStoppers

Crime Stoppers of Palm Beach County, Inc., is asking citizens to help locate James Richard Jones who is wanted for aggravated stalking.

Jones is a black male, 5'9" tall, and weighs 220 pounds. He has black hair and brown eyes and tattoos on his left arm. His date of birth is Jan. 15, 1978.

His last known address was 3 Davis St., Belle Glade. His occupation is AC Technician. Jones' warrant was active as of Oct. 3, 2000.

If you know the whereabouts of James Richard Jones, or anyone involved in a serious crime, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-458-8477. You can remain anonymous and still receive cash reward of up to \$1,000 if your tip leads to an arrest.



James Richard Jones

Belle Glade store manager charged with 28 counts of grand theft

By Tracy Whirlis

A Belle Glade Rent-A-Center assistant manager was charged with 28 counts of grand theft and five counts of petit theft following an investigation by the Belle Glade Police Department.

Hector Villanueva, 29, was arrested Friday, Oct. 6 and is being held in the Palm Beach County Jail without bond.

According to a press release from the Belle Glade police department, members of the Rent-A-Center at 529 SW 16th Street Sept. 19 in reference to a report that approximately \$3,000 had been lost or stolen from the store's deposit.

During the investigation,

Detective James Benedict found that the suspect had created fictitious rental accounts and used the \$3,000 to make payments on the accounts. When the payments ceased, the fictitious customers could not be located.

Records from the store indicated that the suspect was responsible for over \$48,000 worth of merchandise missing from the store's inventory. Police allege that the suspect sold the missing merchandise. A witness allegedly told police he had purchased a big screen television set from the suspect, who sold the television from the back of a truck for about \$400, far less than its value, according to police.

USDA announces record farm assistance

With the start of the new fiscal year on Oct. 1, U.S. farmers and ranchers are now facing a fourth year of severely depressed commodity prices and without the record level of assistance the government provided in 2000. Farm income would be roughly half of what it is now, according to Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman.

"I've no doubt that without the government, tens of thousands of farmers would have been forced out of business," Mr. Glickman said. "There would have been chaos in American farmland."

Secretary Glickman said the government gave producers \$28 billion in fiscal 2000, but that figure includes two years' worth of supplemental income assistance totaling \$11 billion. Federal aid to farmers is now reaching \$7.8 billion and was \$16.6 billion last year.

According to the secretary, the government assistance amounts to only about 10 percent of a grower's gross income, but 42 percent of what a farmer nets after expenses.

Mr. Glickman attributed the increased need for assistance to high global crop production which brought prices down, as well as weather-related disasters like drought in the South and Southeast, Western wildfires and flooding in the Northern Plains.

He also called for a new farm policy because the 1996 farm bill does not offer enough assistance when commodity prices take a nosedive. He said he has proposed a new policy that would take farm income fluctuations into consideration.

"I remain concerned that the 1996 farm bill has left our farmers without an adequate safety net in tough times," Mr. Glickman said. "This year, Congress and the administration worked together to strengthen crop insurance, an increasingly important tool for farmers forced to contend with often difficult conditions beyond their control. We also worked together to provide significant additional emergency assistance. We need to do more."

Arrest Blotter

Belle Glade

The Belle Glade Police Department handled 604 calls, issued 23 traffic citations and made 20 arrests the week of Oct. 2-8. Those arrested included:

Oct. 2 - Lori Miller, 37, contempt of court petit theft; Miguel Arroyo, 37, violation of probation; Terry L. Willis, 46, domestic assault.

Oct. 3 - Michael A. Lemacus, 34, failure to appear domestic battery; John W. Thomas, 39, carrying concealed weapon, loitering and prowling and resist arrest without violence.

Oct. 4 - Juvenille, 16, domestic assault; Guillermo Baez, 18, domestic battery; Bruce Worthing, 44, aggravated domestic assault with a deadly weapon.

Oct. 5 - Juvenille, 15, possession of marijuana under 20 grams, possession of drug paraphernalia; Nathaniel Howard, 42, loitering and prowling.

Oct. 6 - George Baker Jr., 44, trespass on structure, resist arrest without violence; Juvenille, 16, violation of probation.

Hector Villanueva, 29, 28 counts of grand theft, 5 counts of petit theft; Hattie Mae McNeal, 34, battery; Juvenille, 16, resist arrest with violence, trespass on school property, possession of cocaine.

Oct. 7 - Ernest Woods, 21, resist officer without violence; Noel Maldonado, 25, violation of probation, violation of probation, possession of cocaine.

bation, possession of cocaine with intent to sell; Ozell Polk Jr., 22, possession of marijuana under 20 grams; Raffael Bryant, 32, throwing a deadly missile at an occupied dwelling, domestic battery, criminal mischief.

Oct. 8 - Arretha Spivey, 39, armed burglary, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Pahokee
The Pahokee Police Department handled 179 calls, issued 16 traffic citations and made 7 arrests the week of Oct. 2-8. Those arrested included:

Oct. 2 - No arrests.

Oct. 3 - Robert L. Mays, 44, petit theft.

Oct. 4 - Claude McCants, 41, battery on a person 15 years or older.

Oct. 5 - Juvenille, 17, battery on a commitment staff member, assault on a commitment staff member, indecent exposure.

Oct. 6 - Miguel Cruz, 36, disorderly intoxication.

Oct. 7 - Rene Leon, 18, obstructing and opposing a police officer; Ronald Jemmont, 43, domestic battery.

Oct. 8 - Ingrid Johnson, 40, domestic battery.

South Bay
The South Bay Police Department made 7 arrests the week of Oct. 1-7. Those arrested included:

Oct. 1 - No arrests.

Oct. 2 - Jayvon T. Mann, 20, obstruction of justice.

Oct. 3 - Craveyn T. Hooker, 29, drug possession marijuana; Juvenille, 17, pick up order; Brian Gunn, 21, assault on a law enforcement officer.

Oct. 4 - Ilio Titi, 19, obstruction of justice.

Oct. 5 - James T. Conerly, 19, warrant arrest violation of probation driving with license suspended.

Oct. 6 - Kenneth Marvin, 41, warrant contempt of court.

Oct. 7 - No arrests.

Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office made nine arrests the week of Oct. 3-10.

Oct. 3 - Felix Lopez Reynoso, 23, Indiantown, failure to appear improper driver's license, failure to drive in designated lane.

Oct. 4 - Rene Quintanilla, 30, Belle Glade, violation of probation DUI with serious injury.

Oct. 5 - Guillermo Baez Jr., 18, Canal Point, domestic battery; Maria Del Pilar Galvis, 30, Belle Glade, child neglect; Eddie Q. McBride, 29, Belle Glade, domestic violence stalking.

Oct. 6 - No arrests.

Oct. 7 - No arrests.

Oct. 8 - No arrests.

Oct. 9 - Derrick Best, 21, Pahokee, warrant for failure to appear.

Oct. 10 - Norris White, 30, Pahokee, warrant.

Growers to forfeit \$352 million worth of sugar to government

Up against the October 3 deadline to satisfy loan requirements, sugar growers were expected to forfeit \$352 million worth of sugar, according to the American Sugar Alliance.

This last wave of sugar forfeitures of about 934,319 short tons, in addition to a government purchase of 141,240 short tons in June, likely brings the total amount of sugar now owned by

the government to over 1 million short tons.

Jack Roney, American Sugar Alliance chief economist, said the forfeitures make up 10 percent of the sugar crop, which is "substantial to what we've ever seen before."

Mr. Roney said the forfeitures should give prices a boost. "Isolating that much sugar from the market should be very con-

structive for prices."

He also said it was difficult to predict the actual government price for the forfeitures because the sugar will be sold at some point. The Agriculture Department is also expected to use about 310,000 short tons of its sugar supply to compensate producers who destroyed a part of this year's crop to help reduce surplus supplies.

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Two UF professors win presidential award for young researchers

Two University of Florida researchers have won one of the nation's most prestigious awards for outstanding young scientists and engineers.

Richard Elston, a UF associate professor of astronomy, and Zhuomin Zhang, a UF assistant professor of mechanical engineering, will be recognized at a White House ceremony Wednesday for receiving the Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers, or PECASE award. The White House describes the award as "the highest honor bestowed by the U.S. government on outstanding scientists and engineers who are in the early stages of establishing their independent research careers."

Five UF researchers have received the PECASE award since the program was launched in 1996. Last year's recipient was Dr. Elston's wife, Elizabeth Lada, also an associate professor of astronomy. Lada will return to Washington D.C. this week to serve as a keynote speaker at a National Science Foundation ceremony preceding the White House ceremony.

The award includes \$500,000 research grant for each faculty member. The grants will be administered over a five-year period.

Dr. Elston and Dr. Zhang said they were overjoyed to learn they were among the 60 researchers nationwide chosen for the award.

"I was extremely excited and happy," Dr. Zhang said. "I understand it is a real challenge to live up to this honor, and I am determined to do my best."

Dr. Zhang came to UF in 1995 after three years as an assistant scientist in the optical geodesy division at the National Institute of Standards and Technology in

Gaithersburg, Maryland. He earned his bachelor's in engineering thermodynamics at the University of Science and Technology of China and doctorate in mechanical engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Dr. Zhang's research seeks to advance basic science involving heat transfer and thermodynamics and apply the result to cutting-edge technological problems. The research requires a broad spectrum of knowledge, and Dr. Zhang has worked with researchers in physics, chemistry and materials science, among other disciplines. Dr. Zhang's findings could help improve the manufacturing process for silicon chips and contribute to the development of nanotechnology, among other applications, Dr. Zhang said.

"One of our goals is to try to understand the heat transfer process from the micro point of view," Dr. Zhang said. Dr. Elston came to UF in 1997 after five years as an astronomer at the Cerro Tololo International American Observatory in Chile. He has a bachelor's in physics from the University of New Mexico and a doctorate in astronomy from the University of Arizona.

Dr. Elston's research focuses on how galaxies and other structures emerged in the early universe. He said he will use his PECASE grant to continue his research in this area with an instrument he designed and helped build. The instrument is called the Florida Array Multi-object Imaging Near Infrared Grism Observational Spectrometer, or FLAMINGOS. Mounted on a large telescope, the 54-inch, tube-shaped instrument will enable observers to examine as many as 100 galaxies at one time, he said.

"In the past, we could observe only one object in a night," he said. "With FLAMINGOS, we'll be able to observe in one night what used to require 100 nights. So we can do things we wouldn't have even thought of doing before."

UF Interim President Charles Young said the selection of Dr. Elston and Dr. Zhang as UF's latest PECASE winners is a reflection of the talent of UF's faculty members and the high quality of its research programs.

"Dr. Elston and Zhang are to be commended for achieving this unparalleled honor so early in their academic careers," President Young said. "The entire University of Florida community is enhanced by the extraordinary dedication they have demonstrated to their chosen professions."

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Risk Watch program teaches Belle Glade Elementary students personal safety

By Jose Jesus Zaragoza

Donald Hamilton, Fire Marshall for the City of Belle Glade has been keeping busy implementing Risk Watch, a pilot program used to help elementary schools throughout the Glades teach children about personal safety. What started out as a program four Belle Glade Elementary teachers began to use, turned into a success story. The program is expected to be taught at all elementary schools later this school year.

"Three years ago, Palm Beach County came out to Belle Glade Elementary to start a pilot program from the National Fire Prevention Association called Risk Watch, a comprehensive injury prevention program covering eight leading areas of childhood deaths. A lot of teachers and fire rescue personnel, police, doctors and nurses got involved writing the curriculum that teaches children how to watch out for these areas," said Mr. Hamilton. "When we started in

Belle Glade Elementary, we had 330 accidental injuries that year. The next year, I saw so much difference in those four classrooms that I said, 'We need to get this everywhere.'"

Mr. Hamilton reported seeing a vast difference in the number of injuries and illnesses the students of Belle Glade were now reporting. "We started the program two years ago. At the end of last year, we had 155 accidental injuries, which is a big drop from two years ago," explained Mr. Hamilton. "The

exciting thing is, we've been in school two and a half months and as of yesterday, they [Belle Glade Elementary] had had no injuries at all except one."

Risk Watch is an eight week program. The teachers conduct a pre-safety test to measure exactly how much their students know about personal safety and coordinate their lesson plans based upon the results. Each week, a different task is given to the students. Among the areas focused on, motor vehicle safety and fire prevention safety.

After eight weeks, the students are tested again to see if they are more aware of safety education. Belle Glade Elementary experienced an increase of 30 percent in knowledge the students acquired after having finished the program.

The program is grade oriented. Children of different grades go through different variations of the program. Not only does the program teach about personal safety, it is also designed to meet the academic requirements of students. The test was designed with the intention of meeting Sunshine standards and FCAT standards.

Janet Grant, the school nurse, said she has witnessed a huge decrease in the number of students injured at school and at home. Before, students would accidentally injure themselves at home and wait until they went to school to tell the nurse. Now, the nurse reports she hasn't seen a single one of these cases this year.

Mr. Hamilton plans to take the program to other schools in the Glades area. "We've stumbled upon a company called

Child Keepers out of West Palm Beach; a grant-oriented group and, through a lot of persistence and knocking on doors, we ended up raising over \$10,000 to buy the material for every classroom here in the Glades; all the way from Canal Point down to South Bay, I'm really excited about that. By the end of this year, every classroom in the Glades area will be doing some type of Risk Watch at some point of the year."

Already the program is attracting more supporters. A Fire Chief from Great Britain visited Belle Glade Elementary last year to see first-hand how the program worked. The Chief wanted to learn new ways of teaching children about personal safety and was impressed by Belle Glade Elementary's approach.



From left to right (adults): Ms. Barnard, gifted teacher; Steve Rice, Fire Chief; Donald Hamilton, Fire Marshall; Glenda Garrett, principal; Janet Grant, nurse; and Mrs. Barnard's class (not necessarily in order): Abdon Acosta, Ricarla Adams, T Dai Anderson, Chrishayla Beckford, Jazmin Billings, Vionni Brown, Marco Carbajal, Christopher Carden, Keithan Carter, Juley Cetoute, Leticia Gomez, Alex Gracia, Ernest Guillaume, Nashay Joseph, Jasmine King, Robert Martin, Oscar Martinez, Christopher Murray, Lethacha Myers, Reynaldo Perez, Joykeria Pittman, Leonard Ponce, Ruben Resendez, Fernando Salas, Rachel Sincere, Benjamin Smalls, Paul Smith and Ryan Soriano.

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Pahokee gains its first win of the season

By Jose Jesus Zaragoza

The Pahokee Blue Devils won their first game of the season on Friday after shutting out Forest Hill 38-0.

Running back Curry Pride displayed an amazing perfor-

mance that night, with five carries totalling 37 yards, two catches with 83 yards and three touchdowns. The first of Pride's touchdowns came in the first quarter following a 65-yard pass from Quarterback Brandon Harley. Pride scored once again in the

second quarter with a run prior to a successful kick from Ivis Mendoza and from a second pass from Brandon Harley. 18 yards, for his third touchdown of the game which was followed again by a good kick from Mendoza. Running back

Jawarski Bouie also helped his team out by scoring in the first quarter from an interception return. Kenyonis Bouie touch-downed from a pass from Harley and Wide Receiver Vanderoo Harvey traveled to the end zone after catching a 15-yard pass

from quarterback Alphonzo Smith. Harley went 3-3-90-0.

The team will face-off against Palm Beach Gardens tomorrow night in an away game. Kick off will be at 7:30 p.m.

Pahokee had been in a minor slump all season long previous

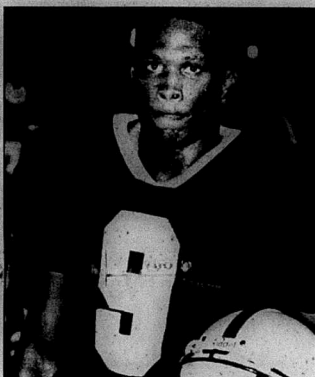
to this victory. Coach John Ford

had said in interviews before, "This team is less experienced, the ability to respond to the coach is where the team's success is going to come in." It seems that quote apply fit Pahokee's play on Friday.

Glades Central's 26th win in a row



Big A's offensive line of the week include back row from left to right: #77 Marvelous Johnson, #76 Kelvin Hyman, #52 Ali Samara; front row: #64 Demarcus Brown (left) and #67 Tyrone Barrett.



Big A's offensive player of the week is #9 Receiver Al Royal.

By Jose Jesus Zaragoza

Number One State Ranked Glades Central got through Key West in convincing fashion on Friday night, earning their sixth consecutive win of the season. Glades Central now has 26 victories without a single defeat carried over from two past football seasons. The Raiders have played and beaten Miami Northwestern, Santalucas, Pope John Paul, Clewiston, Forest Hill, Cardinal Newman and Key West this year alone.

Led by Head Coach Willie Bueno, the Glades Central Raiders trounced Key West by way of a shut out, 33-0.

Leading the game in rushing was Running back Mario Fraser. Mario Fraser carried eight times for 144 yards; Fraser scored a touchdown in the third quarter from a run and in the fourth quarter from a run.

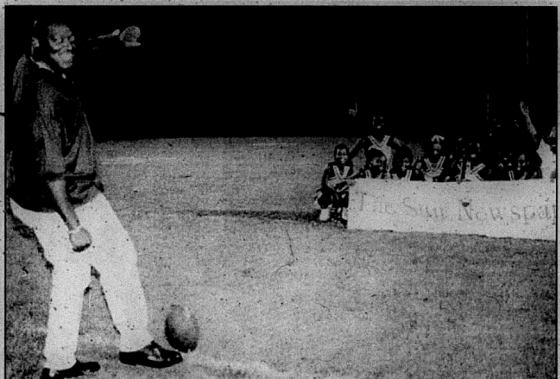
Quarterback Curtis Holley passed 8-16-152-0 total and scored two points from runs following Running back Michael Brown's touchdown in the first quarter. Keith Gruber scored the first touchdown of the game from with a run and Receiver Titorian Freeman scored a touchdown in the second quarter from a 7-yard pass from Curtis Holley. Noel Roland's kick was good.

The Glades Central Raiders will have next week open. After next week, the Raiders will go against Suncoast on Oct. 20 in a home game. Kick off time is 7:30 p.m.



Goal!

The Sun newspaper has begun sponsoring a half time kickoff event at Glades Day School and at Glades Central Community High School. The winner of a ticket drawing gets a chance to kick for the goal post during the school's football half time. Shown, on left, is Mike Schelechter, who made the goal at a Glades Day School game and received a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond from The Sun. On the right is Melvin Thomas, who also made the goal and will receive a \$50 savings bond. Go Gators and Raiders!



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| Randy Gay | 38 | 12 |
| Rick Gold | 37 | 13 |
| Billy Rimes | 37 | 13 |
| Adrian "Big A" Vereen | 34 | 16 |

NOTE: There is a typo in the week's Puckskin Picks. In the Pahooske vs. Pahooske game, the word "Pahooske" was misspelled. The correct spelling is "Pahooske". All players have been informed of this error and have been given the opportunity to correct it. Mr. Burkett's picks for that week.

This Week's Games

The underlined> team has the home field advantage.

Pahooske vs. Forest Hill
Glades Central vs. Key West
Clewiston vs. Bishop Verot
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management contract may have to have state approval as the City presently lacks the area from the State. The City has approved a long-term master plan for the marina, campground and downtown area, which is available upon request. Include paid experience: proposal for the operation including any proposed fee breakdown with the City, operating hours and personnel and any other pertinent information. Any questions, call: Kris Schuck, City Manager at 761-324-5534. Seven copies of the sealed proposals must be submitted by 4:00 pm Friday, November 3, 2000 to the City Clerk, Debra Palmer at 177 N. Lake Avenue, Pahrump, Nevada 33476. 131678; RG 10/12/00

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